

Amendment No. 1 to HB0570

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 509\***

**House Bill No. 570**

By deleting subdivision (a)(2) of the amendatory language of SECTION 1 and substituting instead the following:

(2) If the court does not issue or extend an order of protection, the court may assess all court costs, filing fees, litigation taxes and attorney fees against the petitioner if the court makes the following finding by clear and convincing evidence:

(a) The petitioner is not a domestic abuse victim, stalking victim or sexual assault victim and that such determination is not based on the fact that the petitioner requested that the petition be dismissed, failed to attend the hearing or incorrectly filled out the petition; and

(b) The petitioner knew that the allegation of domestic abuse, stalking, or sexual assault was false at the time the petition was filed.